

# PAARAgraphs

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Monthly Newsletter for the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association, Inc.



## Calendar

**July 14, 1995 PAARA Meeting**

Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM

**July 19, 1995 PAARA Board Meeting**

Red Cross Bld. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto, 7:30 P.M.

**August 4, 1995 PAARA Meeting**

Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM

**August 16, 1995 PAARA Board Meeting**

Red Cross Bld. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto, 7:30 P.M.

**September 8, 1995 PAARA Meeting**

Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM

**Sept. 20, 1995 PAARA Board Meeting**

Red Cross Bld. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto, 7:30 P.M.

**October 6, 1995 PAARA Meeting**

Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM

**October 18, 1995 PAARA Board Meeting**

Red Cross Bld. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto, 7:30 P.M.

**October 20, 21, & 23 1995 Pacificon '95**

Concord, CA contact-Richard Schulze, AA6DL  
(510) 932-6125 (hotline)

**November 3, 1995 PAARA Meeting, 7:30**

Menlo Park Recreation Center  
700 Alma Street, Menlo Park 7:30-9:30 PM

**Nov. 15, 1995 PAARA Board Meeting**

Red Cross Bld. 400 Mitchell Ln., Palo Alto, 7:30 P.M.



## Program

July 14, 1995

**Speaker: George Berry, KC6ULT** -see page 7  
"Menlo Park Urban Search and Rescue Task Force"

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## DX

Foreign stations are on the air, but very difficult to find. Some days seem pretty good, but then the next day the bottom falls out. Predominant are the Asian and South Americans. 4S7, XU7, ZM8, VK, YB are on the air, being heard and are workable, mostly on 7 and 14 MhZ. The South Americans are mostly PY (Brazil), LU (Argentina), and CP (Bolivia). Many Spanish speaking stations are heard, but if you don't speak Spanish, they are impossible to work. Later this year during fall and winter, conditions should be better, and new U.S. DXers should have no trouble finding many new countries.

**Ron, W6VG 73**

**NOTE:****July Meeting is the 2nd Friday****Miscellaneous Dates****Flea Market at Foothill (6AM - 2PM)**

March ..... PAARA  
 April ..... The Perham Foundation  
 May ..... SCCARA  
 June ..... SPECS  
 July 8 ..... EMARC  
 August 12 ..... SVECS  
 September 9 ..... American Red Cross (PA Chapter)

**PAARA Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association**

meets 1st Friday 7:30 each month, Net 145.230 each Monday 8:30,  
 contact Jerry Tucker WA6LNV 415-961-3266.

**EMARC Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club**

Meets 4th Friday 7:30 each month,  
 contact Sheldon Edelman 415-858-2176.

**NCDXC Northern California DX Club**

Meets 2nd Friday each month, repeater for member info 147.360  
 each Thursday 8:00PM, contact John Troster W6ISQ 415-854-3939.

**NorCalQRP Northern California QRP Club**

Meets 1st Sunday each month, contact Jim Cates 3241 Eastwood  
 Rd., Sacramento, CA 95821.

**Perham Foundation, contact Sy Stein WA6ROM 408-734-4453****SPECS Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System**

Meets each Monday 8:00PM on Net 145.27, 224.36, 440.80 Mhz+  
 contact Mike Hastings KB6LCJ, 408-243-6745 or 408-249-6909.

**Disaster Services, Palo Alto Chapter, American Red Cross**

Meets 3rd Wednesday each month 7:30PM, HF, packet, BBS, ATV,  
 OSCAR Gateway, NASA satellite,  
 contact Ruth Claypool 415-688-0423.

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2. For Profit organizations and/or individuals:

\$5-business card size, \$25-half page, \$50-full page or back cover

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The PAARagraphs editors reserve the right to reject any ad deemed to be not in the best interest of the Association. All fees are for "scanner-ready" copy or text-only ads.

**FOR SALE****H-P 5245L Frequency Counter**

w/plug-in measures frequency to 500 MHz - \$150

**H-P 5254B**

Plug-in extends range to 3 GHz. - \$40

Take both for \$185

Contact **Rich, W6APZ**, @ 415-949-0128 or via  
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**Menlo Park, CA 94026**

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**Submit material for PAARagraphs by the 15th**

**TREASURER REPORT****Dave Bailey, WS6W**

Revenues	JAN 95	FEB 95	MAR 95	APR 95	MAY 95	JUN 95	TOTAL 1995
Dues	12	42	126	354	38		572
Flea Market	0	0	1702	0	0		1702
AMPEX Auction	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total	12	42	1828	354	38		2274
Expenditures							
Stamps/Envelopes	32	0	0	0	0		32
DMV	43	0	0	0	0		43
State of CA	0	0	5	0	0		5
City of Menlo Park	150	0	0	0	0		150
Speaker's Dinner	0	10	0	12	13		35
Flea Market	0	0	789.22	379.47	0		1168.69
AMPEX Auction	0	0	0	0	0		0
Meeting	0	14.79	16.01	13.79			44.59
Refreshments							
PAARagraphs	0	0	207.53	179.78			387.31
Misc.	0	50.06	35	0	19.97		105.03
Total	225	74.85	1052.76	585.04	32.97		1970.62

**Checking \$ 5,195.23**  
**Savings \$ 17,386.25**

**BY-LAWS FOR THE REGULATION,  
EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY STATUTE  
OR ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF PALO ALTO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE 1 MEMBERS**

(a) The members of this corporation shall be divided into two classifications, namely active members and associate members. An active member shall be any person holding a valid amateur radio operator's license. All other members shall be associate members. All members shall have full voting privileges, but only active members shall hold office.

(b) Any prospective member may apply for membership at his first attended meeting. Applications for membership may be voted upon at this same meeting. A three-fourth's majority of the members present shall be required to elect an applicant to membership.

(c) Upon being elected to membership, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1.00 and shall commence paying dues at the rate of \$4.00 per year. All dues shall become payable on January 1 for the ensuing year, and members elected to membership during the course of a year shall make a pro rata payment for the balance of the year. Upon said election and said payment, the applicant's name shall be inscribed in the membership book.

(d) Any member who fails to pay his dues for a period of three months shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be dropped from the membership book of the corporation.

**ARTICLE II CORPORATE POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, all of whom shall be members of this corporation in good standing. Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**ARTICLE III DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the president and six directors chosen from the membership. The president shall be elected for a period of one year and the directors shall be elected for a period of two years at the regular annual meeting to be held on the first Friday of December of each year. Three directors shall be elected each year and in the event any director withdraws from the corporation, the balance of his term shall be filled by an appointment by the President. The following shall be initial directors with terms expiring on the dates shown:

Name	Date	Name	Date
Parker M. Robinson, Jr.	December 7, 1956	Richard A. Fisher	December 1957
William R. Luebke	December 7, 1956	Robert J. Turner	December 1957
Eric Edberg	December 7, 1956	Robert G. Slick	December 1957

**ARTICLE IV POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

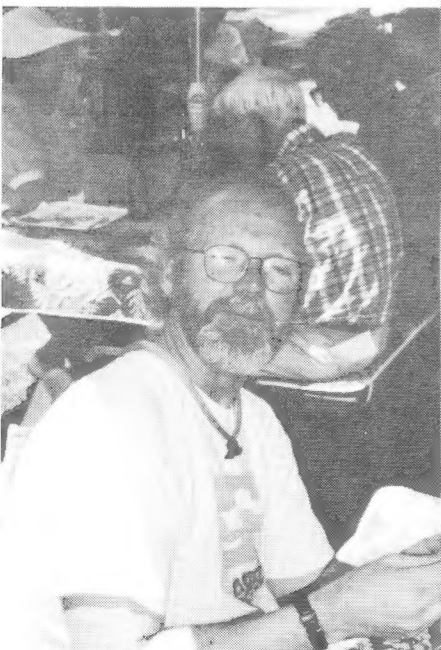
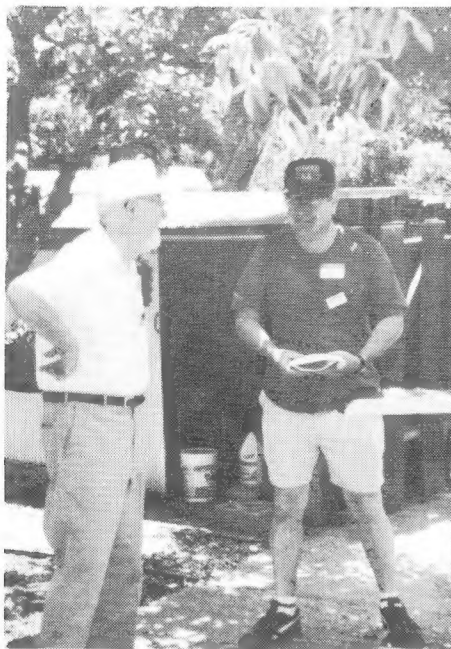
Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President, on such notice as is determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or

Vice-President on twenty-four hours' notice to each director, either personally or by mail or telephone.

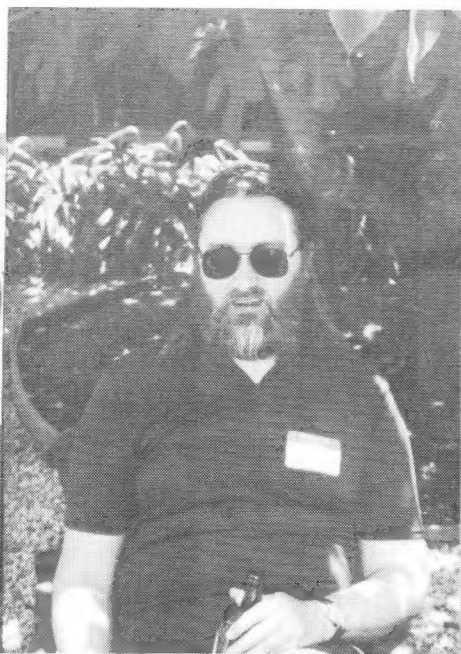
The Directors shall have the power:

- (1) to have general charge of all interests of the organization;
- (2) the Directors shall consider and report at each meeting all proposals for the benefit of the individual members or the general welfare of the corporation;
- (3) the Board of Directors shall adopt ways and means for the advancement of the corporation, designate work to be done between meetings of the corporation audit all accounts for expenses, direct the expenditure of funds of the corporation but not in excess of the amount held by the Treasurer.

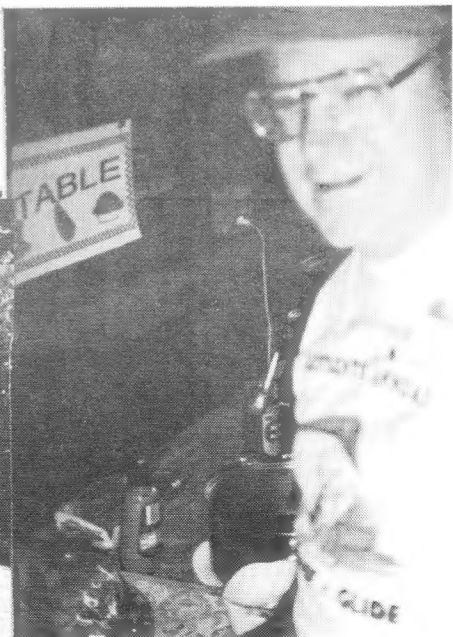








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## **ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS**

It shall be the duty of the Directors to keep complete records of all their minutes and acts; and to present a full statement at the regular annual meeting of the members, showing in detail the assets and liabilities of the corporation and generally the condition of its affairs.

## **ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the corporation and to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. It shall be the further duty of the President to make all committee appointments.

## **ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF VICE-PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President during his absence.

## **ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF SECRETARY**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive all communications that may be addressed to the club or that may be submitted to him by the other officers of the club and to keep a full report of the proceedings of each meeting. He shall read all communications upon request of the President.

The Secretary shall also promptly deliver up all books, paper, or other property of the corporation to his successor in office, or whomsoever the club may appoint.

He shall maintain a book listing all members of the organization. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the club or by his office.

## **ARTICLE IX DUTIES OF TREASURER**

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues and monies belonging to the club and pay all orders drawn on him by a majority vote of the members of the club present at a regular meeting, or at a time intervening between meetings by the Board of Directors and signed by the President.

The Treasurer shall make a complete report on all monies received and disbursed at the meeting immediately following termination of a quarter, namely 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December.

He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the club or his office.

## **ARTICLE X**

The By-Laws of the corporation may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the membership after due notice as provided herein. Proposals for amendment shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the corporation and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting.

Motion to amend the By-Laws of the corporation made at any regular meeting shall be mailed to each member at least fifteen days prior to the next regular meeting, at which time a vote will be taken. Votes of absentee members may be exercised by written proxy.

## **ARTICLE XI**

In any question coming before a meeting for which no provision has been made in the articles of incorporation and by-laws, the officer presiding over the meeting shall be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order."

A request was made to publish the PAARA Bylaws. The above copy is what was found. It appears to need modification. *-ed*

## VE TEST May 20, 1995

May was another slim month for ham license applicants. Only 13 would-be applicants took tests. Ten of these were successful. One applicant was blind and passed the the novice and technician tests successfully. The oral exam was given by **Bill Sooman**, our CW examiner. The grading was done by our newest volunteer examiner, **Bob Friebertshauser, W6YMR**. Welcome **Bob**, glad to have your help. Other VE personnel were **Joe Horne KB6 OWG**, **Gene Irazarry KK6LO**, **Bill Sooman WB6UVO**, & **Ron Panton W6VG**.

**Ron, W6VG**

## EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, AND NOBODY

An important job needed doing, so Everybody, who was busy, was sure Somebody would do the job. Anybody could have done the task, if the time weren't inconvenient, but Nobody did the work.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't, and that is why Nobody did the work.

In the end, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done!

*From DXer, June '92 & '95*

## July Speaker

**George Berry, KC6ULT**, will speak at the July PAARA meeting. George is the team manager for the Menlo Park Urban Search and Rescue Task Force.

Rescue operations were activated April 19 after a terrorist's car bomb carrying 4800 pounds of explosives destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. After the initial rush to search for survivors, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) was sent in by President Clinton to coordinate efforts under the management of the local Chief of Police. One of the groups activated was the Menlo Park Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, one of seven such groups in California and 26 in the nation.

Because of the group's make-up, the Menlo Park Task Force was the most capable on paper, but it had

never really been tested in a major emergency. The Oklahoma City bombing changed all of that. The Menlo Park group is now considered probably the best such group in the US and possibly in the world. The Task Force worked ten straight days under hazardous conditions searching for survivors and dismantling the shell of the building. Unlike an earthquake, the building was a federal crime scene so the work was done under high security involving the Governor of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma City Police, county Sheriff, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the National Guard, the FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) and the US Marshall's Office.

Although some hams in nearby buildings were injured by the blast, no hams were known to have been killed. Incidentally, "nearby" is a relative term. For instance, a 16-story building located three blocks away was shifted off its foundation. No other damage was done to the building, but it is impossible to relocate so it will have to be demolished.

The following comments from Oklahoma residents were gleaned from the San Jose Mercury and best describe their feelings toward the group.

"When Menlo Park sent rescue workers to Oklahoma City in her hour of need, I feel as though some of each of your citizens came along. It left you short of emergency personnel, and we are so very grateful that you were willing to make that sacrifice. 'Thank you' has never seemed so inadequate".

---Gloria M. Lambert

"...we choose to cling to our memory of the representatives of the highest form of humanity, personified by your Menlo Park Urban Search and Rescue Task Force... The Alfred P. Murrah building was razed Tuesday [May 23], but the memory of the building populated by rescuers will last our lifetime"

---Mary Jo Barton

"Should you ever find the need to call on us, I believe the state of Oklahoma would empty to come to your assistance".

---Berkeley B. Bailey

"We have seen the worst of mankind---and been treated to the best. Thanks to the Menlo Park Urban Search and Rescue Task Force".

---Terrill D. Hulson.

**Be sure not to miss the July PAARA meeting to hear George Berry describe the team's efforts and see their videos which have never been shown on TV and have been viewed by only a handful of people.**

de **Vic Black, AB6SO**, Program Chairman.

**PAARA-Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association-P.O. Box 911, Menlo Park, California 94026-0911**

Club meetings are on the first Friday of each month, 7:30pm at the Menlo Park Recreation Center, 700 Alma Street, Menlo Park, CA. NET every Monday evening, at 8:30pm, on the 145.230-600 repeater Mhz, PL tone off. Membership in PAARA is \$6.00 per calendar year which includes a subscription to PAARAgaphs. Make payment to the Palo Alto Amateur Radio Association.

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